P. F. DUNDON.

June 15, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. RIXEY, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3261.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3261) for the relief of P. F. Dundon, of San Francisco, Cal., have examined the same and report:

The Acting Secretary of the Treasury Department approves of the bill and recommends its passage, as will appear from the following letter:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Washington, D. C., March 19, 1898.

SIR: Referring again to the letter from your committee, dated January 20, 1898, inclosing S. 3261, for the relief of P. F. Dundon, of San Francisco, Cal., contractor for the construction of Grays Harbor light-station, Washington, I have the honor to inclose herewith copies of the following-named letters:

Letter from the engineer of the Thirteenth light-house district, dated February 15, 1898.

Letter from the board to the Thirteenth engineer, dated February 21, 1898.

Letter from the Thirteenth engineer to the Light-House Board, dated March 10, 1898.

In view of the circumstances it does not appear that the passage of the proposed bill would be detrimental to the United States, and its passage is therefore recommended.

Respectfully, yours,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretarg.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS, United States Senate.

Your committee are fully satisfied that the delay in completing the work, for which the penalty was invoked, was not the fault of the contractor, and for this reason we recommend that the bill do pass.